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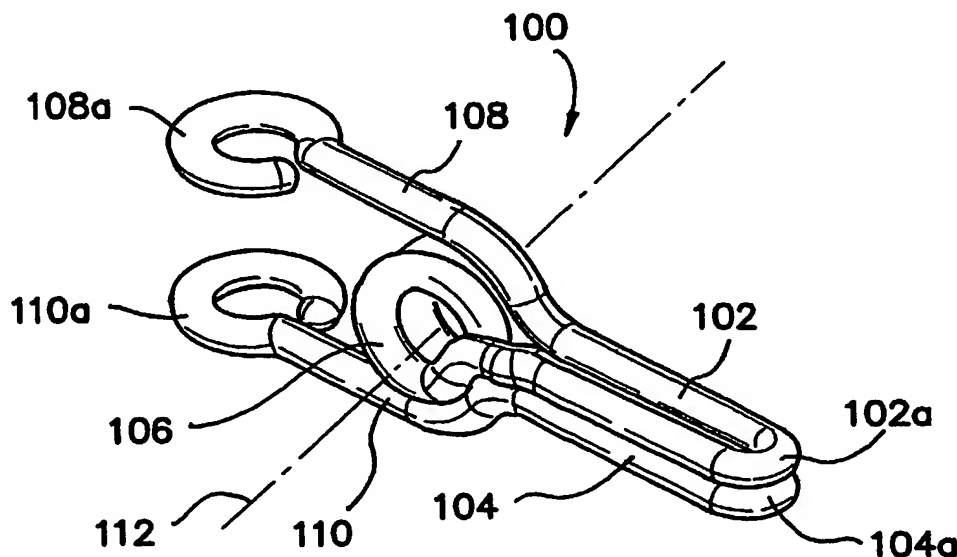
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(54) Title: **SURGICAL CLIP AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**



(57) Abstract: An improved clip or clamp (100) is provided having a one-piece wire-form construction that is suited for rapid and repeatable manufacture. The clamp, which may be disposable or reusable, includes a first jaw portion (102), a second jaw portion (104), a first handle portion (108), a second handle portion (110) and a central coil or tensioning device (106), all of which are formed from a single piece of wire. The central coil or tensioning device comprises one or more turns. The handle portions may include ring-shaped distal ends (108a, 110a) that further enhance grip. The jaw portions may be shaped, curved, bent or otherwise configured to provide access to specific areas of a procedure. The clamp may be coated with a material providing improved traction and padding.

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